

**Senate File 61 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for a moratorium on regulations affecting  
2 the sale of unprocessed food, and including effective date  
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MORATORIUM ON REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SALE OF  
2 UNPROCESSED FOOD.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5 a. "State agency" means any unit of state government  
6 designated as an authority, board, commission, committee,  
7 council, department, or independent agency as defined in  
8 section 7E.4, including but not limited to each principal  
9 central department enumerated in section 7E.5.

10 b. "Unprocessed food" means food that is an agricultural  
11 commodity sold for consumption in its raw state without being  
12 subjected to a change in form, condition, or temperature,  
13 including but not limited to raw milk, eggs in the shell,  
14 nuts in the shell, honey in the comb, fresh fruit, and fresh  
15 vegetables.

16 2. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a  
17 moratorium is declared on every state agency's administration  
18 and enforcement of statutes and rules affecting the sale of  
19 unprocessed food in this state, including but not limited to  
20 all of the following:

21 a. The issuance of permits or licenses.

22 b. The inspection of the unprocessed food or an  
23 establishment that sells unprocessed food.

24 c. The labeling of unprocessed food or containers  
25 containing unprocessed food.

26 3. This section takes effect July 1, 2014.

27 Sec. 2. REPORT BY STATE AGENCIES. The department of  
28 agriculture and land stewardship, the department of public  
29 health, and the department of inspections and appeals, shall  
30 cooperate to publish and prepare a joint report to the general  
31 assembly not later than January 1, 2014. The report shall  
32 provide a list of all statutes and rules affected by this  
33 Act and proposals to most effectively amend or repeal those  
34 statutes and rules without affecting the administration and  
35 enforcement of other provisions.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill provides that, notwithstanding any other provision  
3 to the contrary, a moratorium exists on every state agency's  
4 administration and enforcement of statutes and rules affecting  
5 the sale of unprocessed food in this state. Unprocessed food  
6 includes milk, eggs, nuts, honey, fruit, and vegetables. The  
7 regulations include the issuance of permits or licenses,  
8 the inspection of the unprocessed food or an establishment  
9 that sells such food, and labeling. The moratorium takes  
10 effect on July 1, 2014. By January 1, 2014, the department  
11 of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of public  
12 health, and the department of inspections and appeals must  
13 submit a joint report to the general assembly outlining all  
14 statutes and rules affected by the moratorium and proposals to  
15 most effectively amend or repeal those statutes and rules.